(c) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the experts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) It is true that, on the growth of zoos in the country, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) have stressed the policy of the Government of India, on the conservation of wildlife resources in the country. The CZA has been empowered, under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, to ensure that the policy of the Government on conservation of wildlife is also implemented in the zoos in India and the mushroom growth of zoos without any scientific basis is checked.

The Government has also notified the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 setting the standards for management of zoos and placing due stress on conservation of wildlife.

Penalising Polluting Units in the Country

5595. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have recently taken a decision to penalise polluting units in the countiy;

(b) if so, the details of the polluting units identified as on 31st December, 1993 and likely to be penalised; and

(c) the steps the Central Government propose to take to check all the polluting units in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)and(b) The Government have identified 17 categories of highly polluting industries for taking priority action for their compliance of the prescribed standards. As per information provided by the States, 50 units in the medium and large scale sector have not taken any steps till 31-12-1993, to instal pollution control devices, which could have enabled them to comply with the prescribed standards. The number of these units in each category is given below :—

1. Cement . . .	04
2. Dyes . . .	01
3. Distillery . . .	11
4. Fertilizer . . .	02
5. Iron and Steel . .	01
6. Leather . . .	05
7. Pharmaceuticals . .	03
8. Pulp and Paper . .	03
9. Sugar . . .	15
10. Thermal Power Plants .	05

(c) The Central Pollution Control Board has directed State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees to take legal action against the units which have not taken any steps to instal the required pollution control devices.

Formulation of National Forestry Action Plan

5596. SHRI AHMED MOH-MEDBHAI PATEL : SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in mind the state of forest degradation Government are formulating a National Forestry Action Programme in collaboration with United Nations Development Project and the Food and Agricultural Organisation;

(b) if so, by when the National Forestry Action Programme is likely to be formulated and announced;

(c) what would be its main aims and objectives;

(d) whether the UNDP aided programmes in this regard are likely to be completed in two years; and

(e) to what extent these UNDP aided programmes have helped the forestry programmes in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Government has decided to formulate a National Forestry Action Programme to prepare a perspective plan for the forestry sector. United Nat'ons Development Project is providing part of the funds required for the purpose and Food and Agricultural Organisation is providing technical support.

(b) Studies connected with sector review and key issues are being undertaken. The action plan is expected to be ready by September, 1995.

(c) The objectives of the NFAP is planned sustainable forest resource conservation, management and development with well denned inter and intra-sectoral linkages in accordance with the National Forest Policy 1988.

(d) The preparation of the NFAP is likely to be over within two years.

(e) UNDP provides funds for capacity building to enable preparation of projects, which would in turn help the Government to obtain more funds for development of forestry.

नर्मदा और अन्य नदियों को प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिए योजना

5597. श्री अनन्तराव देवशंकर हबे : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने नर्मदा और अन्य नदियों को प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिये कोई योजना प्रस्तुत की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस पर राज्य सरकार द्वारा कितनी धनराशि व्यय की जायेगी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई अंतिम निर्णय लिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) से (ङ) गुजरात राज्य सरकार ने नर्मदा नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिये कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं प्रस्तुत किया है। तथापि, राज्य सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत साबरमती नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिये, इसके "साबरमती' आश्रम तक अहमदाबाद नगर के तत्काल ऊर्ध्वप्रवाह" और "साबरमती आश्रम से बेउथा" नामक अभिनिर्धारित प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों में 103 करोड रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर, एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है। राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के सरकार द्वारा अनुमोदन हो जाने के बाद, इसे केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीम के रूप में पूंजीगत कार्यों की लागत में केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के बीच बराबर की हिस्सेदारी के आधार पर, शुरू किया जायेगा।

Total area of forest land in the country

5598. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total area of forest land in the country as on 1st April, 1994;

(b) what is the total area of demanded forests and wasteland in the country as on 1st April, 1994;
and ,

(c) what is the target for afforestation for the year 1994-95?